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REMARKS _____ 25X1

- 25X1 1. a. Artillery units of about 2,000 troops were at the airfield of GARDELEGEN (M 53/Y 44). Thirty-six canvas-covered heavy guns of about 150 mm caliber were parked in the open with their prime movers (three-axle trucks) blocked up beside them.
- b. Soldiers were seen practicing with two guns in the airfield area. The observed trucks had newly painted, unnumbered number plates.
- c. A colonel arrived in November 1949 to take command of the troops. The officers of the units, who were not yet joined by their families, were billeted in the kaserne buildings at the airfield.
2. A mortar unit of 700 to 800 men was stationed in the former Reiter Schule of GARDELEGEN. About 100 mortars with calibers up to 150 mm were allegedly stored in the former riding halls. The mortars had brackets for attaching them to trucks. Troops practiced with mortars in a field between GARDELEGEN and LUEFFINGEN (M 53/Y 44).

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25X1 Comment:

a. The report corroborates the previous assumption that most of the artillery units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div are stationed at the GARDELEGEN airfield.

b. A small infantry unit and a tank unit were quartered in the Reiter Schule (also called Remonte Schule on Bismarckstrasse, GARDELEGEN, in June 1949. The reported mortar unit apparently moved into the kaserne after that time.

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d. Compare the OD situation in Thuringia, where the 316th Gds Rocket
Regt, assumed by Higher Headquarters to be located in GERA, is con-
sidered to be a Eighth Gds Army headquarters unit *.

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